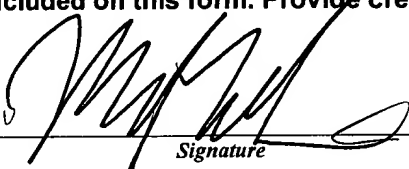


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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed May 5, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: There are no amendments to the specification in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: The listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: There are no amendments to the drawings to be provided with this paper.

Remarks: The "Remarks" section begins on page 5 of this paper.